REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated June 16, 2004. Reconsideration and allowance is requested.

Claims 1-2, and 4-25 remain in this application. Claims 3, 26, and 27 are canceled by this amendment.

Allowable Subject Matter

In paragraph 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 1-2, and 4-25. Since claims 3, 26, and 27 have been canceled by this amendment and the remaining claims are allowable, the Applicants respectfully request that the application be passed on to issue.

Conclusion

In light of the above remarks and amendments, this application should be considered in condition for allowance and the case passed to issue. If there are any questions regarding these remarks or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated to expedite prosecution of the application.

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